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Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for United States patent as identified below:

Inventors: **David Jay Smith, Howard Leon Schoggan, Robert Irvin Bell, and James R. Gross**

Title: **CELLULOSE FIBERS HAVING LOW WATER RETENTION VALUE AND LOW CAPILLARY DESORPTION PRESSURE**

including the items indicated:

1. Specification (45 Pages), 138 claims (7 independent, 131 dependent) (16 Pages), and Abstract (1 Page); and
3. Unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.215(b), please print the following assignment information on the face of the published application:

Assignee: BKI HOLDING CORPORATION  
Wilmington, Delaware

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Serial No. 60/247,078, filed November 10, 2000, and U.S. Serial No. 60/286,298, filed April 25, 2001.

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